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REPORT OF THE 1996 UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. By its resolution 45/215 of 21 December 1990, the General Assembly decided, inter alia, that the adoption and signing of the Final Act of the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities should be replaced by the adoption of a procedural report of the Conference.

2. The Conference met at United Nations Headquarters on 4 and 5 November 1996.

3. The Conference was opened by the Secretary-General.

B. Attendance

4. The Conference was attended by representatives of the Governments of the following States:

Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia,

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Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen.

5. Representatives of the following organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations and specialized and related agencies also attended the Conference:

European Union, International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, United Nations Children's Fund, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Population Fund, United Nations Centre for Human Settlements, United Nations International Drug Control Programme, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Department for Development Support and Management Services, Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, Regional Commissions New York Office, United Nations Development Fund for Women.

C. Election of officers

6. At its meeting on 4 November, the Conference elected by acclamation the following officials:

President: Jean-Louis Wolzfeld (Luxembourg)

Vice-President: Julio Armando Herrera (Guatemala)

D. Documentation

7. The Conference had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretariat on operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/CONF.180/1);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on contributions pledged or paid at the 1995 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities as at 30 June 1996 (A/CONF.178/2);

(c) Background information on programmes and funds for the 1996 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities.

E. Announcement of pledges

8. The Conference heard the announcement of pledges by a number of Governments to one or more programmes and funds, and took note of the fact that several Governments were not in a position to announce their contributions but proposed to communicate their announcement of such contributions to the Secretary-General as soon as they were in a position to do so after the closure of the Conference.